

of which are apparent. Less questioning and more doing would benefit us greatly. Christ knows the reasons and the blessings of His institution. Let us trust Him to bless us. He is not limited by time to do His work upon us. He has all eternity to justify to us, His believers, the reasonableness of the Sacraments.

CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, FRIDAY, JAN. 28.

From Department of Parish suggestions—
Church Record.

A festival commemorating the martyrdom of St. Peter and St. Paul was observed at an early date, but it was not until much later that the Church kept a day to celebrate the conversion of St. Paul. No doubt this event confirms the belief of some people in the need of an instantaneous conversion. But even if this was a "conversion" of the modern kind St. Paul was certainly not possessed with that assurance which some find so comforting and necessary: "I am saved, and nobody shall say I am not, and nobody, not even God or myself, can stop my being saved." St. Paul himself was strongly convinced that constant effort and progress was yet required. If all he aimed at was to be sure he was saved he might as well have rested upon his conversion. No need to be so particular about putting on the whole armor, no need of "keeping under my body," no need to "count not myself to have apprehended," no fear "lest I myself should become a castaway." The preachers of the "only believe" doctrine would not as a rule talk like this. They have "got saved" and have done with it. What would be the use of "pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"? If to "get saved" be all, according to their own assurance, they have already intally and inalienably attained the great goal.

But in point of fact it need hardly be said that St. Paul's was no conversion of the modern kind. It was merely a change from one kind of intense, earnest service of God to another. He only needed the conviction which followed upon much "kicking against the pricks" to go just where God sent him. In witnessing the death of Stephen, in making "havoc" of the Church, he was just as eager to do God's will and devote himself to His service as when he was setting out for Europe for the first time. He simply transferred himself and his talents from one kind of God's service to another. The qualities which made him a good persecutor were the talents which made him a good apostle.

And, by the way, do you not think it is much the same with you? The qualities which make you a good man of business, a good talker, an agreeable companion, are just those qualities which would make you a valuable worker in Christ's Church. Nay, even your personal strength, your good looks, your money, your taste, your—just those possessions or qualities on which you congratulate yourself—these are just the talents which God has given to use for Him. Perhaps you have ten, perhaps only one. Take care you do not bury them, like that "wicked servant," by using them only selfishly, or still worse, lose them altogether by squandering them on the world, the flesh, and the devil.

If any one wants an illustration of the above remarks, or has any idea that Christian work can be left to the weak and unpractical, let him attend the next convention of St. Andrew's Brotherhood men. He will soon discover that the best workers are the strongest men fitted to be kings of men in any line of life. It is men of that stamp that are wanted in the Church.

But "blessed are the meek." A strong man of the world seems to be "meek." Quite right, too, if "meekness" means what the world supposes. But does it? We presume that St. Paul must have been "meek" or we should not call him "saint." We are sure that Jesus Christ was "meek." But neither of them were "meek" in the sense in which the world uses the word. The world would never call a man "meek" who faced the cross as Jesus did, who saved others but could not save Himself, simply because He gave self up entirely for the salvation of others. The world is just enough to call this heroism, which was the highest exhibition of Christian "meekness." No man is a hero, no man is meek, if he does not sacrifice self for others or for a great cause. Self-sacrifice, then, constitutes heroism, and Christian meekness and heroism are really one and the same thing. The strong man need never be ashamed of being "meek" after the fashion of Jesus. The world has spoiled our word for us.

MAGAZINES FOR JANUARY.

The *Church Eclectic* is more than usually interesting, containing as a leading article, part of a paper by the Rev. A. W. Little entitled "An Unrepealed Rubric" or "Unction of the Sick" being an examination of St. James v. 14, and 15, also selections from the English congress Papers, specially one on "The Church and the Intermediate State" by Canon Lucock. In the Correspondence Column, will be found a letter reference Saravia, in which the pretention that Episcopal Ordination was not regarded as essential in his days and the assumption that he himself was never so ordained are examined and refuted.

An excerpt from the sermon by Dr. Liddon on "Marriage of the Clergy" will be found to be really interesting.

The whole number is excellent. W. T. Gibson D. D., Editor, New York; Jas. Pott & Co. 14 Astor Place, New York:—\$3 per annum.

The *Homiletic Review* contains as its leading article a paper, by the Rev. Dr. Eilenwood on the duty of the Church with references to the speculative tendencies of the times.

Also another by professor Warfield regarding Darwin's arguments against Christianity and Religion; Prof. Schodde contributes an article on modern Roman Catholicism. The sermonic section contains sermons or parts of sermons from leading divines of the various denominations, but The Church is not represented. Funk & Wagnalls; \$3. per. annum; Clergy \$2.50.

The *Century Magazine* is, as usual full of interest, and in every department is supplied with attractive matter, Ed. L. Wilson supplies an illustrated paper entitled "Round about Galilee" which is well worthy of attention.

In "Topics for the times" appears a short article on annexation and Federation, in which the writer thinks that Federation should be tried before annexation be ventured upon, and in this respect we heartily agree with him. We fancy that the American people are grievously deceived in regard to Canadian sentiment on the question of annexation. The Century Co., Union Square, New York., \$4. per annum.

The *Atlantic Monthly* contains an interesting article entitled "Studies in factory life," also a carefully written consideration of some characteristics of Von Moltke.

There is also an article by Frank B. Cooke in regard to difficulties arising under the American system of government, which is not without interest to Canadian politicians. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston and New York; \$4. per annum.

The *Treasury* in its "Leading Thoughts for Sermons" contains an extract from one preached by the Bishop of Ripon in regard to the edu-

cation of the child, which contains suggestions of value. Amongst the sermons proper is one by the Rev. A. Ritchie, of St. Ignatius, New York, preached on "All Saints' Day," and having special reference to the doctrine of the Communion of Saints. Bishop Walsham How is also of record in this number in a short article entitled "Walking in Love."

E. B. Treat, 751 Broadway, New York: \$2.50 per annum.

The *English Illustrated Magazine* contains the sixth paper of the series on "Glimpses of Old English Homes." This number refers to Berkely Castle, the property of Lord Fitz-Hardinge. Beautifully illustrated and containing portraits of Henry the VIII., and of Queen Mary, from pictures in Berkely Castle. There is also an illustrated article on "Gwalior" Hindostan, a point of very considerable interest for all English readers. Macmillan & Co., New York; \$1.75 per annum.

Treasure Trove, under the title of "Our Own Land," contains descriptive illustrations of San Francisco, also the usual number of stories and good selected articles for young people. We regard this magazine as one of the best which we receive, and one which we are sure every young lad would find interesting. The Treasure Trove Co., 25 Clinton Place, New York; \$1 per annum.

Our Little Ones and The Nursery always seems to us to improve and to be more and more attractive. It is equally suited for either boys or girls and is filled with short articles, well illustrated and suitable for children up to the age of twelve years. The illustrations in this number are particularly pleasing. The Russell Publishing Co., 26 Bromfield street, Boston; 1.50 per annum; special club rates.

Our Little Men and Women is intended for children rather older than those for which *Our Little Ones and the Nursery* is prepared, and is also admirable. It furnishes its readers in this number with a small plate illustrating the "Flight into Egypt," and with another "A Christmas Treat," both of which illustrations are suggestive and well done. There is an article by Frances Humphrey on "Queen Victoria's Dogs," which will interest many. D. Lothrop Company, Boston, Mass.; \$1 per an.

The *Church Review* is now being published in weekly parts (instead of monthly or quarterly as before) of thirty pages each.

The editor, under the title of current events, reviews the history of the magazine, in which he is forced to make confession of a deficit, but in view of the great interest throughout the United States and Canada in such a periodical, is determined to continue it as above—in weekly parts. It is his intention to treat the current topics of the day promptly, and more thoroughly than can be done in the newspaper, and also hopes to keep Clergy and laity advised of the chief events of the current history of the times.

We have always regarded the *Church Review* as of great value and hope that in its new form it may have the success which it richly deserves. The *Church Review*, 21 Park Row, New York; \$3 per annum, or 10c per number.

Another lady in Ontario writes:—"I like the paper, it being a real Church paper."

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